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4 Days of NY Protests Planned

Demonstrators to Greet Democratic Delegates

NEW YORK — Democratic National Convention delegates arriving in New York City the week of July 11 to give their approval to Jimmy Carter's Presidential nomination and their support for a platform that studiously avoids any mention of rights for homosexuals, will face four days of gay demonstrations. The demonstrations will begin with a Sunday march for non-discrimination and sodomy repeal, sponsored by the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYSCGO). The three other days of demonstrations are sponsored by the National Coalition of Gay Activists.

The NYSCGO march will start at noon on Sunday at Washington Square Park and march to an area near Madison Square Garden. The New York Police have "sanitized" an area around the convention site so the demonstrators may not be able to protest at the Garden itself. Arthur Goodman, who is in charge of public relations for the march, told GCN that "This demonstration will be the biggest strictly political demonstration in the history of the movement." According to Goodman, the demonstration has "the broadest possible base," with support ranging from the National Gay Task Forcé to the gay churches and the more radical activist organizations.

David Thorstad, president of GAA New York and a demonstration organizer, emphasized that the Sunday march is "not a pro-Democratic Party march." "This is not an effort to pressure the Democrats," Thorstad told GCN. "We don't believe that the Democratic Party is our salvation." Thorstad asserted that the demonstration coincides with the Democratic Convention simply to take advantage of the large possibilities of media coverage.

Arthur Goodman told GCN that the gay demonstration will apparently take place at the same time and virtually the sme place as a massive march by the "Right to Life" organization, the anti-abortion group. "There's no question but that we'll get lots of media coverage," said Goodman. "It's going to be a dull convention. We are one of the few interesting issues around. And the juxtaposition with the Right to Life people should focus attention on us."

Goodman indicated that it is "important for gay people to be there and to be visible. We have to indicate that this [gay rights] is a real issue that has to be dealt with. The Supreme Court and the two parties are saying that it's not an issue. We want to let the nation know that they can't ignore the issue of gay rights.

"I can't overrate the importance of this demonstration," Goodman added. "We need very badly to show that there are large numbers of people involved."

The National Coalition of Gay Activists has endorsed the Sunday demonstration and is following up that protest with all-day picketing for gay rights at the Americana and New York Hilton Hotels, where many delegates will be staying. On Tuesday, the Coalition plans a "protest against expediency" at the Democratic Party headquarters at the Statler Hilton as well as a Candlelight March "for separation of Church and State" that evening. On Wednesday, the group plans a Celebration of Gay Love at

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75 March, Bicentennial Suit Won

Providence Gays Prevail Over Police, R.I. '76

By Annette D. Gagne

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Toward A Gayer Bicentennial Committee won its battle against RI'76 and about 75 gays marched before a crowd of hundreds in Providence's first Gay Pride Parade last Saturday, June 26. In the culmination of a lengthy court battle, Federal Justice Raymond J. Pettine issued his ruling only one day before the scheduled activities. In his decision, he ordered the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission to permit a Congress for People With Gay Concerns to be held at the Old State House and issued a restraining order requiring the city of Providence to grant a parade permit for the Gay Pride March.

The march was the high point of the day's schedule which began at 10 a.m. at the Old State House and ended with an MCC Midnight Prayer Vigil on the steps of the Federal Building. The march started at 2 p.m. Gays paraded around the Kennedy Plaza area, stopping in front of the Federal Building to chant, "Gay Pride" and sing "We Shall Overcome."



Rev. Joseph Gilbert (with bullhorn) addresses Providence's first gay pride march as the march progressed through downtown Providence. *Photo by Ray Spears*

An anti-gay group distributed literature and made remarks on "the sinfulness of homosexuality." The gay marchers responded by chanting with greater spirit. There was one incident of rock throwing after the parade was over. No one was hurt. A smoke bomb was hurled at the parade as the marchers headed for the dispersal point, causing some commotion among those near it who thought the burning object would explode. People calmed down when they realized it was only smoking.

The State House Congress for People With Gay Concerns featured speakers including Rev. Joseph Gilbert of MCC/Providence, Dr. Hubert Kennedy of the New England Gay Academic Union and Ray Lariviere. Lariviere proposed that the congress be held annually and elect two representatives from Rhode Island to the New England Gay Clearinghouse in Worcester.

At 11 a.m. the group of about 40 people walked from the Old State House to an outdoor rally at Roger Williams Spring, where speeches continued.

One of the main speakers was Eric Gordon of Hartford's radio program, "None of the Above." He spoke on the history of gay oppression, including the extermination of 250,000 gays in Nazi Germany. Other speakers included Nancy Catherine Avard from MCC/Hartford, Rev. Margaret Hougen from MCC/Boston and Rev. Richard Dannenfelser from Brown University.

The rally lasted about an hour and a half. Gay men and women sat in the grass around the spring and listened to people speak in loud, clear voices about gay rights, gay love, gay pride. The sun got beautifully hot as the late morning turned into noon. Everyone stayed till the end of the last speech, savoring the sound of gayness in the air and the view of banners which read, "250,000 never again," "Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land" with a

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10,000 March to Commemorate Stonewall

By Ray Spears

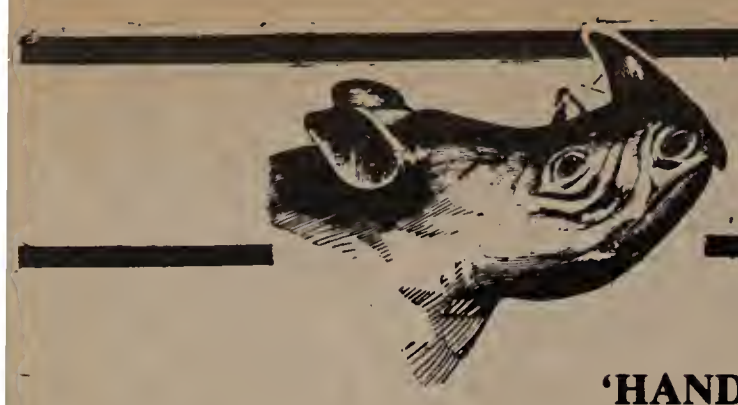
NEW YORK — Some 10,000 people from as far off as Sweden and Sydney, Australia, converged on Sheridan Square, the site of the Stonewall Inn, for the march up Sixth Avenue to Central Park commemorating the seventh anniversary of the rebellion which gave rise to the modern Gay Liberation movement. The difficulties surrounding the original planning of the march seemed long forgotten under the sweltering heat and the effervescing clouds. Lesbians and gay men of all descriptions were there: led by a banner proclaiming lesbianism a revolutionary identity, the parade included Dykes and Tykes, MCC's from all over, as well as gay factions of Lutherans, Catholics and other churches, Eulenspiegel (An S and M liberation contingent), Gay Youth of New York and the Gay Teachers Association, Berkeley Gay Men's Rap, Gay Anarchists, and other theatrical organizations. There were drag queens in full regalia, leather buffs in enticingly brief modern versions of the posing strap. A delightful person who defied gender identification, let alone classification by sexual or affectional preference, drew cheers from the crowd by rollerskating up and down the length of the march with bussle and parasol. And there were lots of policemen, mostly well-behaved. Vendors of Italian Ices were there, charging whatever the traffic would bear (25 cents at the beginning of the march, forty cents near the end).

"We are everywhere," said author Rita Mae Brown, the keynote speaker at the rally which followed. "We're the true melting pot." And surely, she said, in a reference to the bicentennial, "We shall hang together or we shall all hang separately." "The experience of being gay in America has given us a tremendous psychological and political advantage in understanding the problems that face all minority groups, but we must use that advantage," she said.

A telegram was read from Hollywood, California. "Things are always darkest just before the dawn," it said, and it was signed "Lily Tomlin," the popular comedian. An enormous cheer went up, possibly the biggest of the day, after the telegram was read.

Anti-war activist and Chicago 8 defendant Dave Dellinger spoke: "A revolution which fails to embrace gay rights from the beginning will end like all revolutions in which economic and racial oppressions have been overcome, but gay oppression remains." And also there were Rev. Troy Perry, founder of MCC; Jean O'Leary, delegate to the Democratic Convention from New York; and more singers.

The New York Times carried a story about the parade in which the word homosexual appeared thirteen times.



news notes

CARSWELL ENTRAPPED

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Former Federal Judge G. Harrold Carswell, whom Richard Nixon nominated to the Supreme Court in 1970 only to have the nomination rejected by a rebellious Senate, appears to have been entrapped by Florida police on Thursday, June 24. Carswell was arrested in a wooded area near Tallahassee where he had gone with a plainclothes police officer.

An Associated Press report stated, quoting State Atty. Harry Morrison, that the incident had started in the "vestibule of a men's room at a Tallahassee shopping mall, where merchants had complained of homosexuals." According to Morrison, "He [Carswell] and the policeman first came face-to-face there, and they talked for some while."

Carswell and the vice squad detective, George Greene, then reportedly drove to the woods in Carswell's car. "During that time they were in the car, passes were made to the officer," Morrison said. Carswell reportedly "touched" the officer as well.

Carswell, who has denied any wrongdoing, was released on his own recognizance and immediately entered a hospital. He was charged with both "misdemeanor battery" and solicitation to commit "an unnatural and lascivious act."

Carswell, who is married and the father of four children, was a member of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans when Nixon appointed him to the court in 1970. The appointment was strenuously opposed by Civil Rights groups who charged that Carswell, as a candidate for public office in Georgia, had supported racial segregation. Carswell's nomination was defeated after a Senate campaign against him led by Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana. He also ran for the Senate in Florida in 1970 but was defeated. He now practices law in Tallahassee.

GOOD SPORTS

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission last week gave final approval to the plans by Sporters Cafe to expand their premises at 228 Cambridge St., Beacon Hill. The action enables the popular gay men's bar to acquire a vacant office next door to their present facilities. The expansion petition had previously received unanimous approval from the Boston Licensing Board.

SEX BANNED

LOS ANGELES — The movie theatre where Los Angeles Deputy Mayor Maury Weiner was arrested last year for allegedly groping a police officer has been ordered to post two-foot by two-foot signs on the outside and inside of the theatre stating, "Sexual activity, including masturbation and oral copulation, absolutely prohibited! Violators subject to eviction and/or arrest." The signs were put up by order of Los Angeles Superior Court.

'HANDICAPPED' GAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare is considering a proposal to include gay people under regulations barring discrimination against handicapped persons in programs that receive federal money, *The Advocate* reports. The HEW has asked for comments from the public on whether homosexuals should be included in a category of people "who have no physical or mental impairment but are treated by a recipient [of federal funds] as if they were handicapped."

The proposed regulations are designed to implement Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, banning discrimination against handicapped persons "under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Anyone interested in commenting on the proposals should write Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, P.O. Box 1909, Washington, D.C. 20013.



NO MILK TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO — On the same day that Gov. Jerry Brown was routing Jimmy Carter in the California Democratic primary, openly gay candidate for the California State Assembly Harvey Milk lost his bid in a close race to Art Agnos. The vote was 17,031 for Agnos and 13,401 for Milk. The non-gay Agnos was strongly supported by San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, *The Advocate*, and Boston Rep. Elaine Noble as well as many gay community leaders in San Francisco.

At a press conference after his defeat, Milk denounced gay movement leaders as "a handful of self-serving people who are utilizing the movement for their own advantage and never support a gay except from their own group."

NCLC FAG BAITING

BOSTON — The National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) has apparently added queer-baiting to its harassment tactics against other left organizations. Terry Knapp, a gay man who was circulating a petition for Socialist Worker's Party Senatorial candidate Carol Henderson Evans (Evans has taken a strongly pro-gay stand and marched in this year's Gay Pride March) at the Brookline Star Markets, reports that he was harassed by an NCLC member on June 23. After accusing Knapp of being a CIA and FBI agent, Knapp says that the NCLCer "shoved his hand against my eyeglasses and face." After more verbal abuse, Knapp went inside the Star Market and persuaded the manager to call the police.

However, when Knapp returned from inside the supermarket, he discovered that a group of boys who had agreed previously to act as witnesses for him had gone. At that point the NCLCer (who was also petitioning) approached Knapp and told him, "Nice try [McGeorge] Bundy. Those guys [the boys] just wanted to know if you were a fag. When I told them you were they took off."

Knapp told GCN that his own gayness "obviously was immaterial because this group brands any enemy either gay, 'feminine', or any similar such 'expletive', to inflame people." "These people are thugs, nothing more, nothing less," he added.

The NCLC, also known as the US Labor Party, has a long history of disruption of other groups and accusations against individuals. GCN was unsuccessful in efforts to reach the group and question them about their attitude towards gay rights and their view on "fag baiting."

DOB RAPS

BOSTON — Boston Daughters of Bilitis will temporarily suspend its Thursday 8 p.m. raps after July 1. All subsequent raps will be held Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., and the schedule of topics will be listed in GCN's calendar.

SECURITY CLEAR

PALO ALTO, CA — For the first time, a gay man with a sex-related criminal record has been cleared to receive a federal secret security clearance, *The Advocate* reports. Elisha Marsh, a Palo Alto electronics technician who works for Varian Associates, was authorized recently for the clearance by Richard S. Farr, defense department examiner, at a San Francisco hearing. The government has announced that it will not contest the decision.

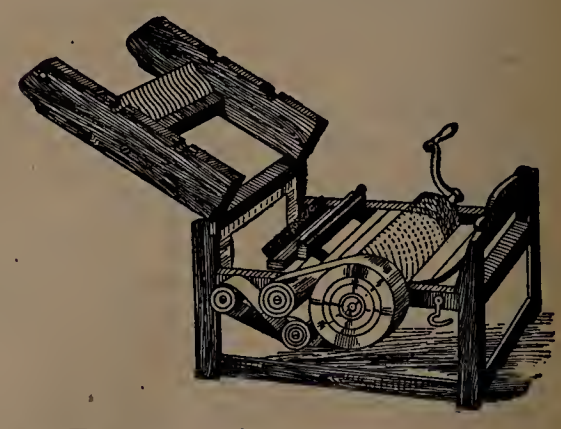
Marsh has been totally open about his gayness since he was investigated for the clearance in 1974. He had pleaded guilty to a charge of "lewd and lascivious conduct" following arrest in a public restroom in 1971.

COLVIN FOR CONGRESS

SYRACUSE — The Liberal Party of Onondaga County announced today that Syracuse gay activist Earl W. Colvin will be its candidate for U.S. Congress from the 32nd Congressional District. Colvin will face incumbent Democrat James M. Hanley, and the Republican-Conservative candidate, newspaper publisher George Wortley. The Liberal Party is often the 'swing' third party in New York state politics.

In accepting the invitation of the Liberal Party to run on its ticket, Colvin asserted that while Gay Rights will be a major plank in his platform, he hopes to cover a broad range of issues in the campaign. He has chosen "Human needs, human rights, human dignity" as his campaign slogan.

Colvin, 43, resides in Syracuse with his lover, Joel Rinne. They are co-editors of *Gay Light*, a weekly news magazine serving Central New York, and charter members of Syracuse's Gay Political Caucus and Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus. Colvin is alternate spokesperson at-large for the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations, and serves as Northern District Coordinator for the NYSCGO Task Force. He is also the recipient of the Ralph E. Kharas award of the Central New York American Civil Liberties Union for outstanding contribution to civil liberties in 1976.



ATLANTA REPORT

ATLANTA, GA — The celebration of Gay Pride Week in Atlanta became the center of controversy when an anonymous group calling itself "Citizens for a Decent Atlanta" petitioned the Fulton County Superior Court to void Mayor Maynard Jackson's proclamation of June 26 as Gay Pride Day in the Georgia capitol, "ALFA" newsletter reports. When the court denied the petition, the group took out a full page ad in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* denouncing the proclamation and challenging "the right of our mayor unilaterally to affix the city's seal of approval to a sexual orientation which the majority of his fellow citizens believe to be against the moral law of the Judeo-Christian tradition and the institution of the home family unit."

Jackson refused to withdraw the proclamation despite protests and pressure, and the Gay Pride March went off successfully and with a great deal of media coverage.

Ensign Berg's Troubles Increase

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA — Ensign Vernon Berg III, recently discharged from the US Navy under "less than honorable" conditions because he is gay, is finding it difficult to receive unemployment compensation now that he is out of work. Berg, who recently described the financial condition of he and his lover Lawrence Gibson as "desperate," was informed by the Veterans Administration that his entitlement to "such benefit [unemployment compensation] is contingent upon discharge from military service under conditions other than dishonorable." The VA must approve his request for unemployment compensation.

Although Berg was not given a dishonorable discharge *per se*, Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 3.12 states clearly that any discharge for "homosexual acts" is considered "dishonorable" when applying for VA determinations. "A discharge or release because of one of the offenses specified in this subparagraph is considered to have been issued under dishonorable conditions." The fifth offense specified in the paragraph is "homosexual acts," which is thus classed in the same category as "mutiny or spying."

"The determination made by the VA is of utmost importance to you," the Roanoke, Virginia office of the Veterans Administration wrote Berg. "An unfavorable decision will not only result in the denial of the benefit you presently seek, but, in addition, it will bar entitlement to all gratuitous VA benefits which you or your dependents may seek now or in the future based on this period of service."

To help defray his legal expenses, Ensign Berg has established a defense fund. The address is Ensign Berg Defense Fund, 5720 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451.

News Commentary

Saxe Transferred Again as Trial Date Nears

By Neil Miller

BOSTON — During her five and a half years as what is popularly called a "fugitive from justice" following the 1970 Bank robbery, Susan Saxe was on the lam, presumably wandering from women's center to commune to high-rise, to avoid capture by the FBI. Ironically enough, Susan's situation does not seem to have changed remarkably since her arrest and indictment on counts of bank robbery and felony murder one year ago. During the last month, the representative of anti-Vietnam war rage and outspoken lesbian has found herself moved from Worcester County Jail in Massachusetts, to MCC in New York City, to Nassau County Jail on Long Island, and then back to New York City again. Susan is presently at MCC in New York, a federal holding prison, but has been told that she may soon be shipped out to the Federal Women's Prison in Alderson, W.Va.

The sudden shifting of Susan Saxe from pillar to post began after Judge Walter McLaughlin granted Susan's lawyers' request for a delay in the trial until Sept. 15. Soon after the judge's granting of the delay, Susan was unexpectedly transferred to New York without being told until the last moment. In court for a pre-trial hearing, Susan was kept waiting for hours and then, carrying only a book and a notebook, was told that she must leave immediately for New York. She barely had time to call her lawyers, Nancy Gertner and Tom Shapiro, and during the last few weeks her lawyers have often not even known where she was. Both Judge McLaughlin and the prosecutor in the case, Asst. District Attorney Gaffney, claim that they were unaware in advance of Saxe's transfer.

The roots of this situation, if the Government's word is to be taken at face value, come from the fact that Susan is a federal prisoner and, since there is no federal women's prison in Massachusetts, Susan has been "contracted" out to state and local authorities. After a year of paying for her incarceration, the Federal Government wearied of paying the considerable expense, despite the fact that Susan's trial is less than three months away at this point. The Government's case becomes even more confusing due to the fact that Susan most recently spent two and a half weeks at Nassau County (N.Y.) Jail, which is not a federal institution at all.

Whatever the real reasons for Susan's tour of the East Coast Gulag Archipelago, the effects of her transfers seem to serve the government's ends. The shunting back and forth from jail to jail effectively cuts Susan off from her lawyers and her defense committee just before the trial. Attempts to locate her, to get in contact with her, and to get her returned to Massachusetts divert the energy of her lawyers and defense committee and make it difficult to do important legal work. And the situation obviously is meant to take its toll on Susan as well.

"It's psychological warfare, pure and simple," says Byrna Aronson of the Susan Saxe Defense Committee. "It powerfully reinforces the notion that you have no control over your life. The government is trying to wear Susan down and to wear us down."

Aronson's descriptions of life in Nassau County Jail (where she visited Susan) provide a chilling glimpse into life in America's county jails. "It was a real horror," says Aronson. "Prisoners are allowed one shower a week; they change your uniform once a week too. Prisoners are allowed two 3-minute phone calls a week and two 20-minute visits a week. Everyone has to sleep with their heads towards a bright light: You're allowed three books a week from a library where most things are on the level of *Reader's Digest*. 'If you spend three and a half hours a day sewing, you can get an extra 20 minute visit a week. Susan did that but she was moved again before she could get the extra visit.

"But the worst part," Aronson continues, "was the exercise period. Women were brought outside and placed inside a plastic tent on the cement for their 'outdoor exercise.' It was 95 degrees hot in there, and most of the women spent the time lying down on the cement trying to keep cool."

Judge McLaughlin is scheduled to hold a hearing on motions for Saxe's return shortly. In the meantime, her Defense Committee sees the predicament as "no accident." It's clear from the treatment that Susan has been getting," says Aronson, "that the Government sees revolutionaries as a threat to its very existence. It's becoming increasingly plain what the authorities will do to stamp out resistance."



Workers began Monday, June 28, removing the remains of the Red Carpet Club in Old Orchard Beach, Me. The clubwas destroyed by fire over three weeks ago; the cause of the fire has been the subject of many rumors. According to Tom, the manager, the town was just getting used to the idea of having a gay club. The telephone threats had ceased. Owner Denis Dancose has no plans for the future of the club.

Photo by Ray Hopkins

News Commentary

Straight Talk From the Boston Licensing Board

By David Brill

BOSTON — Ethnic violence in Boston, in case anyone thinks otherwise, is nothing new. As far back as the 1890s the streets of Boston were far from safe if one was identifiably a member of one "group" or another. At that time, the city was crammed with immigrants just escaping the Potato Famine in Ireland. Yankee (or Brahmin)-controlled Boston didn't take to this very well at the time, and "No Irish Need Apply" signs soon dotted the doors of many an employer.

But the Irish fought back, and so did the Yankees. Finally, the Irish won control of a majority of the city's wards, and, in 1908, captured the mayor's office (a post that, to this day, has been occupied by nothing but Irish Catholic men). The Yankees, at this point fleeing from the city to places like Hamilton and Dover, vowed to retaliate. Retaliate they did, in the place where they still held a tremendous majority — The Republican-dominated state legislature. To make a long story just a little shorter, the Yankees successfully milked every ounce of self-government away from Boston, and gave the Commonwealth virtual control of the city. (Since then, most of the state control has been returned.)

One conspicuous remainder of those days is the Boston Licensing Board, a three-member body that issues all licenses in the city for food, liquor, entertainment, and the like. They are still appointed by the governor, and their salaries recently got raised to $21,000, by the legislature, of course.

Until maybe four years ago, the only people who knew much about the Licensing Board were the city's Licensees (bars, restaurants, etc.), police officers, and government officials. It was not until Jacques and The Other Side, those enduring watering holes in the Bay Village became such brawl-filled nightspots, and neighborhood residents commenced complaining about them, that the general public even knew about the board. The Bay Village Neighborhood Association, previously a community social group, was thrust into the limelight as it challenged some of the most powerful people and elements in city government, making accusations that would never be tolerated in cities like Revere or Providence, R.I.

One of the leaders of the BVNA has been Jon C. Straight, a 36-year-old insurance executive who lives on Fayette Street. Straight was named to a six-year term on the board last month by Governor Michael S. Dukakis, replacing William F. Arrigal of South Boston. The appointment immediately sparked rumors that Dukakis was looking only for a board member who would vote down-the-line against the interests of Henry Vara.

Such does not seem to be the case, however, while there is no denying that Straight's Bay Village connections were considered, the governor was looking for other things. He wanted a board member who would be responsive to community groups — people in places like Dorchester and Allston who have been dealt with unfairly at times in the past by the board. He wanted a member who would earn the $21,000 salary. He clearly wanted to revitalize the board, to make it an advocate for the people of Boston, not for the state (as the Yankees, back in 1909, had wanted). And finally, but perhaps most importantly, he needed a person who was well-connected, politically speaking. In a recent GCN interview, Straight spoke freely of his Bay Village community activism. When asked whether it would cloud his judgment should any future Vara petitions come before the Licensing Board (Vara has interests in dozens of Boston bars and clubs), he offered a two-fold reply: "There will be no problem," he said, "if the licensed premises are those outside of the Bay Village." And what about Jacques and The Other Side, which, for all intents and purposes, appear now to be dead or dying? "That," replied Straight, "is something which I am discussing with advisers and lawyers, I haven't decided how to handle them yet." He agrees with speculation that the minute the next Vara petition comes before the board (such as for expansion of premises, change of ownership or hours, etc.) that lawyers (J. J. Sullivan and Frank DiMento) for the so-called "King of Clubs" will immediately raise challenges as to Straight's objectivity. DiMento, a highly competent lawyer, has invoked every legal wrench imaginable to question the integrity of the board members, particularly BLB Chairman Charles L. Byrne.

Straight wants to really make changes on the board. He would like to hold hearings on Saturdays and at night, instead of the present mid-day hearings that clearly discriminate against community residents who work during the day, and in favor of bar-owners and their lawyers who do not. He would like to initiate better public relations, starting perhaps with a regular newsletter and/or press releases. GCN, for example, should be kept informed of matters affecting licensed premises patronized by gay people, he says. All of these things would satisfy what seems to be a mandate from Governor Dukakis to improve the board's image, which has changed over the last few years from obscure to shabby.

With support from other members Byrne and William L. Arrington, Straight should be able to do it. He already has the friendship of Mayor Kevin White, whose backing will be necessary if Straight's innovations require a bigger budget for the board. He has proven that he has the personal ability to accomplish things, witness his presidency of the Boston chapter of Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX), which has been involved in dozens of community social, environmental, and political areas. The governor has given Jon Straight six years to undo what the Yankees did to Boston over six decades ago.

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EDITORIAL

Gay Guts

It's so easy to become complacent about Gay Pride Marches, so easy and so thoughtless and inhumane for those of us who feel as if we've been "out" forever. Actually, forever is really a very short time, and surely many of us can remember the courage it took to risk the unknown (would we be stoned, hit on the head, photographed and recognized?) for the first time.

Well, some very brave and pertinacious men and women marched for their first time in Providence, in the very teeth of the angry, anti-gay straight establishment, which had done everything it could do to prevent the march from taking place at all. Those marchers had no way of knowing in advance what would happen to them in the course of their parade, but they went, and with them went the hopes and needs of many Providence gays who couldn't add their actual physical presence to the march to swell its corporeal numbers, but whose spirits must certainly have been with their visible counterparts.

It is very easy to march as one of ten thousand or more in New York, or one of several thousand in Boston, but quite another experience altogether to march as one of seventy hard souls in Providence. And when it's all over, you've struck a blow for freedom that you will remember and cherish all the rest of your life.

Worcester saw its second Gay Pride March this year, and that gives us heart too because it tells us that their first march was the beginning of a tradition, not just a one-time thing.

We want to go on record with a big THANK YOU to Providence and Worcester gays. They make us proud. They make us want to continue to do our part, and we wish them luck and love and success in their continued battle for dignity and freedom.

And now that the plaudits have been handed out, we hope like hell that as many women and men as possible will go to New York City on July 11 to demonstrate at the Democratic Convention. Let's make our existence known, our presence felt, and our voices heard.

SPEAKING OUT!



Readers may use this column to express their points of view. Typewritten material should be submitted to SPEAKING OUT, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

By Joe Abreu

This is an attempt to focus in on some serious distortion made in GCN in their criticisms of the Gay Pride Planning Committee (GPPC).

Since a great deal of furor resulted from our policy on bar participation in the parade let's focus on that aspect first. In Rose Flower's (ED. Note: managing editor Lyn Rosen) article she states "some bars are gay-owned . . . employ gays . . . do these workers have the right to march with pride in the fact that they can be out at work?" Of course they can. The GPPC never made any attempt to bar any individual from the parade. The committee did leaflet all Boston gay bars with schedules and flyers for activities during Gay Pride Week. Posters were placed in all bars. An individual who heads an organization in Boston and who happens to manage a bar was asked to co-emcee the rally along with Elaine Noble. For personal reasons he declined.

I don't feel Rose's use of the phrase "bar participation" and the GPPC meaning are at all alike. She makes it sound as though we didn't want any one from any bars (patrons or workers) to participate. I believe our actions prove otherwise. The GPPC felt and still feels strongly that bars make a lot of money off gay people and very little is channeled back into the Gay Community. Organizations like the Homophile Health Service and the Gay Speakers Bureau are but a few worthwhile organizations who always seem to be in a financial squeeze and could use some support. We didn't feel as though it would be fair to allow bars to publicize their existence and make more money while socially-minded groups struggle with real issues of gay survival. The committee wouldn't have changed its mind on bar participation.

Another "hot" issue was the place of the women's contingent in the parade. The decision had nothing to do with "outrageous men" leading the parade as she implies but was a serious attempt to promote lesbian visibility. To the non-gay outsider the "gay movement" (whatever that is) is seen as a white male-dominated movement. I can see where a lot of men have trouble dealing with the media phrase "Lesbian Visibility," but I would expect GCN to be a little more sensitive than the non-gay press in its understanding of what the issue is here.

Joseph Leo's piece was truly offensive. Indeed Mr. Leo was called a pig, but he was called this after the meeting, on the street, and by a woman *who was not present at the meeting and not even a member of the committee.* I recall Joe asking me how I felt about the committee and I very calmly and politely told him I did not want to discuss it. My reasons were at that point (after the last GPPC meeting) that discussing the shortcomings of the committee would at best cause a lot of frustration because it was too late to change anything since the meetings had always been open and these issues should have been discussed back in April.

I seem to be getting the incredible feeling that people feel they were not informed about the Gay Pride Meetings. Those meetings were 1) publicized in GCN; 2) publicized on gay radio shows; 3) *always* open to the public and constructive criticism and new ideas. To blame the committee for unrepresented viewpoints is nothing less than unfair.

Now what happened at Gay Pride this year? Issues of sexism and racism were recognized finally as concerns of the community. Now I'm sorry the gay community can't deal with those issues or feel they are undeserving of the attention. The committee felt very strongly that these issues be met head-on and (unwisely?) did expect support from the community. We are not sorry about those decisions.

Finally, let me do something that no one one has yet done: to the members of GPPC, the people who worked their asses off leafleting, planning, postering, setting up workshops, dealing with the bus situation, finances and crisis after

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TELL ME, JOEY.



GCN will use this space to answer questions for our readers. Mail should be addressed to Tell Me, Joey, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

Dear Joey:

Ive never been to Provincetown but from what I've heard it seems to be a mecca for gay people. Can you fill me in?

Chris

Chris,

Provincetown is a summer resort town located on the "tip" of Cape Cod and, according to some sources, the original landing place of the Pilgrims. Many gays vacationed there when it was still an artists' colony. Gay tourism has now grown to the point where one in every three guest houses are gay-owned and about one out of five businesses are either owned or managed by gays. Of the approximate 400 year-round population, at least thirty percent is gay (and not closeted!) According to one gay businessperson, many gays who visit this lovely little community fail to take advantage of the bicycle paths, the dunes, the historical sites, the deep sea fishing and ocean sailing and many other non-gay features that give "P'town" its very special atmosphere.

There is a fairly free relationship among townspeople to the point that they interact as people without attaching labels according to sexual preference. Gays are well-represented on various boards of town government and are recognized as leaders within the community (notice the conspicuous absence of the adjective "gay" here). I feel that Carole Walter, co-owner of a local fabric shop, best sums up the general aura of the town: "I would hope that in the very near future my gay sisters and brothers will share the same feeling of being a part of the community that gay people enjoy in Provincetown."

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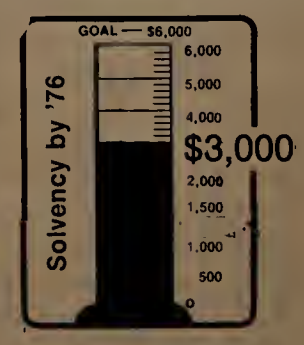
Mary Axten, editor of the Toronto-based *Esprit*, writes in to say that the description I gave of Montreal has indeed changed in the few weeks since it was printed here in GCN. Because of the Olympics, "authorities have been engaged in the process of 'cleaning up' and the results of their efforts have had a singularly adverse effect on certain of the city's gay establishments. For example, at this point in time, all of the baths in Montreal are closed."

Mary did agree, however, that the best sources of information are Androgyny (514) 866-2131 or the Women's Centre (514) 842-4781.

Bienvenue,

Joey

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lib

Dear GCN:

A reading of Don Carter's "Speaking Out!" column in the June 26 issue makes me wonder whether he equates "gay" with "gay white male." He suggests that we should leave "Women's Lib, Black Lib, Indian rights, etc., to those most concerned. We are all in favor of them, but — as gays — they are not our prime concern."

As a gay woman, Women's Liberation (*not* Lib) *is* a prime concern to me. To a black gay man or woman, Black Liberation (*not* Lib) *is* a prime concern. To an Indian, Chicano, Asian, etc., gay person, there *are* other — sometimes competing — concerns which are also vitally important.

If Mr. Carter wants to constrict the concerns of "Gay Lib" to white male gays, he is welcome to do so. I hope Gay Liberation, however, will continue to see the importance of coalition with all human rights struggles and to embrace *all* gay people whatever their gender, ethnic background, economic status, age (this one, Carter approves of), politics, etc. I also wish his comment that "we are all in favor of them" were more accurate. The racism and sexism I have seen within the gay community are unfortunately no less rampant than in the heterosexual community.

Sincerely,
Nancy E. Krody

unaccepted

Editor, GCN,

Of all the gay publications, I look to GCN to keep me informed about current happenings of concern to us. And reading GCN informs me again and again of the failures of NGTF attempts to FORCE gay civil rights. I would think that these repeated defeats would in some way indicate to NGTF that SOMEthing is wrong with either their tactics, or their programs — but no, the same tactics continue to be employed, and failure continues to be the end result.

I am referring to the latest failure — that of the Democratic platform to adopt a gay rights position. In this particular instance spokespeople for NGTF "blame" Carter. In other instances the "blame" is put on whoever is closest to the action. It never seems to occur to NGTF that THEIR tactics and/or THEIR goals might not be feasible at this time and in this manner.

Acceptance cannot be forced upon those unwilling to accept. And in the arena of sensitive politics "pushy" tactics won't work. It is my opinion that if we are to get civil rights for gays, we need to work for such rights in an unobtrusive and politically "cool" way. As a resident of New Jersey I have seen this work — several recent court decisions in New Jersey have been favorable to gays; New Jersey gays have — until recently — taken a very low-key stance in their fight for civil rights and sodomy repeal.

There are times when shouting loudest helps, and there are times when being cool is best. I think recent events have shown that the cool approach is the only one working for gays just now. Let's hope NGTF will find this out before they have antagonized everyone in the political arena, and before they manage to set us back a couple of decades.

A Friend from New Jersey

shaky foundation

Dear GCN,

Recently at a business meeting of the Boston chapter of Daughters of Bilitis, it was announced that the organization is in financial trouble. This is not surprising, as it has happened to many gay organizations in Boston and elsewhere in the recent past.

I am writing this letter for two reasons: one is an urgent plea for financial help, and the other, of a more serious nature, is an expose. Some members will denounce my statements as those of an unhappy member, but those of us who are involved know differently.

I am referring to the recently created DOB Building Fund. Since many people don't know its history, I will sketch it as briefly as possible. In November 1975 or thereabouts, a generous member suggested that we sell Christmas trees and start a fund for the eventual purpose of acquiring property to house DOB and other gay groups in Boston. The general membership present at the meeting approved and the work was begun. Hundreds of trees were cut and sold by five women (out of a membership of over 50). After costs, we netted $600.

In March a meeting was held to establish the Building Fund. A committee was set up, and it was decided that by-laws be drawn up to govern the committee and the funds. Several of the members (myself included) went to see a lawyer regarding legally establishing the rules, and a trust fund was decided upon. The general membership approved of this measure. As it now stands (the trust has not been implemented) there are six signers on the bank statement, four of whose signatures are required to release any money.

All well and good. We (the Building Fund Committee) went ahead with legal matters, and with fund raising plans, only to come to the last business meeting and have the whole thing toppled.

The president suggested that the Building Fund be dissolved, in view of our financial situation, and that the money be returned to the prime mover. Amusingly, comments such as "We worked hard for that money, and should get a cut of it" (meaning DOB's treasury) were heard. WHO worked for it???? Not DOB . . . five members, but not DOB. A compromise was reached: the fund would go dormant for six months, in which time all efforts would be concentrated on building up the treasury.

I cannot see how either dissolution or inactivity will help the present situation since:

1. The Building Fund was self-sufficient, i.e. it took no money from the DOB treasury.

2. Only seven members were at all involved in the BF, not a real drain as far as people power goes. The Financial Planning Committee should be able to do as well without us . . . perhaps better, since some of were "undesirables" anyway . . . but that's another whole story.

All of us on the Building Fund Committee know the next move. Since the Summer is upon us, no fund raisers will occur. That leaves the FPC three months to generate money. The annual Halloween Dance could bring in $200-$300, but by that time the treasury will have dropped to $200 (by my calculations). So in December the membership will vote to dissolve the Building Fund so that they money can go to DOB. As one of the signers, I promise that they'll never get my signature to release the money for those purposes. This may seem hard and cruel, but I feel that maybe it's time DOB took a hard look at itself and determine whether it *should* remain in existence.

I it serving the lesbian community in the best way possible? Or is it becoming exclusive? Does it have any meaning for anyone? If so, let them come forward and donate their time and skills and money (hopefully) to keep it going. Even if you don't print this, thanks for listening.

Sincerely,
Kathy Guilmette
DOB Building Fund

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crisis — THANK YOU! This is usually a thankless job but if we did nothing more (and I think we did) than stir up the Gay Community we have already done more than many others.

This year's parade is past tense. Next year's is open to whomever wants to be involved. If you felt angry, upset or ostracized by this year's parade, don't just talk about it now; do something about it next April — JOIN THE COMMITTEE! (Ed. Note: Mr. Abreu was chairperson of Gay Pride '76.)

By Nancy Walker

The gay pride march unfortunately is really not our private, personal holiday, not so long as it is so publicly exhibited it isn't. Since that is true (though the media seems intent on blacking us out unless we do something bizarre) it is incumbent upon us to exercise some sort of good taste in what we will show the world as representative of "gay is good."

I agree with Tony Caporaletti's mother who responded negatively to the mention of "cocksuckers" on the banner. If I had seen it, I would not have taken part in the march, and that is my point. We cannot all march together because the issues that divide us are too deep and too real and too important to allow us to demonstrate together for a common cause. Our cause, very obviously, is not common. It is more properly causes, not a cause.

You assume that gay liberation came after Stonewall only if you know nothing of the movement's long history. Men and women have been working a long, long time toward full self- and other- acceptance of homosexuality as a viable lifestyle. The fact that the first stone was cast in New York as a result of the Stonewall affair does not give a proper place to bars in gay liberation. (Though they serve some useful purpose for people who want them or need them, and they certainly should not be forced to close, any more than the baths should, but I would hate to see the baths advertised in the parade.)

That first blow of the new wave of gay liberation happened when and where it did because at that time and in that place there were no alternatives to the bars. What happened at the Stonewall was the kickoff point of liberation, which by its very nature is opposed to the bar culture. One of its basic premises is that we should be able to meet and relate in places that are neither dark, nor furtive, nor kinky nor alcoholic.

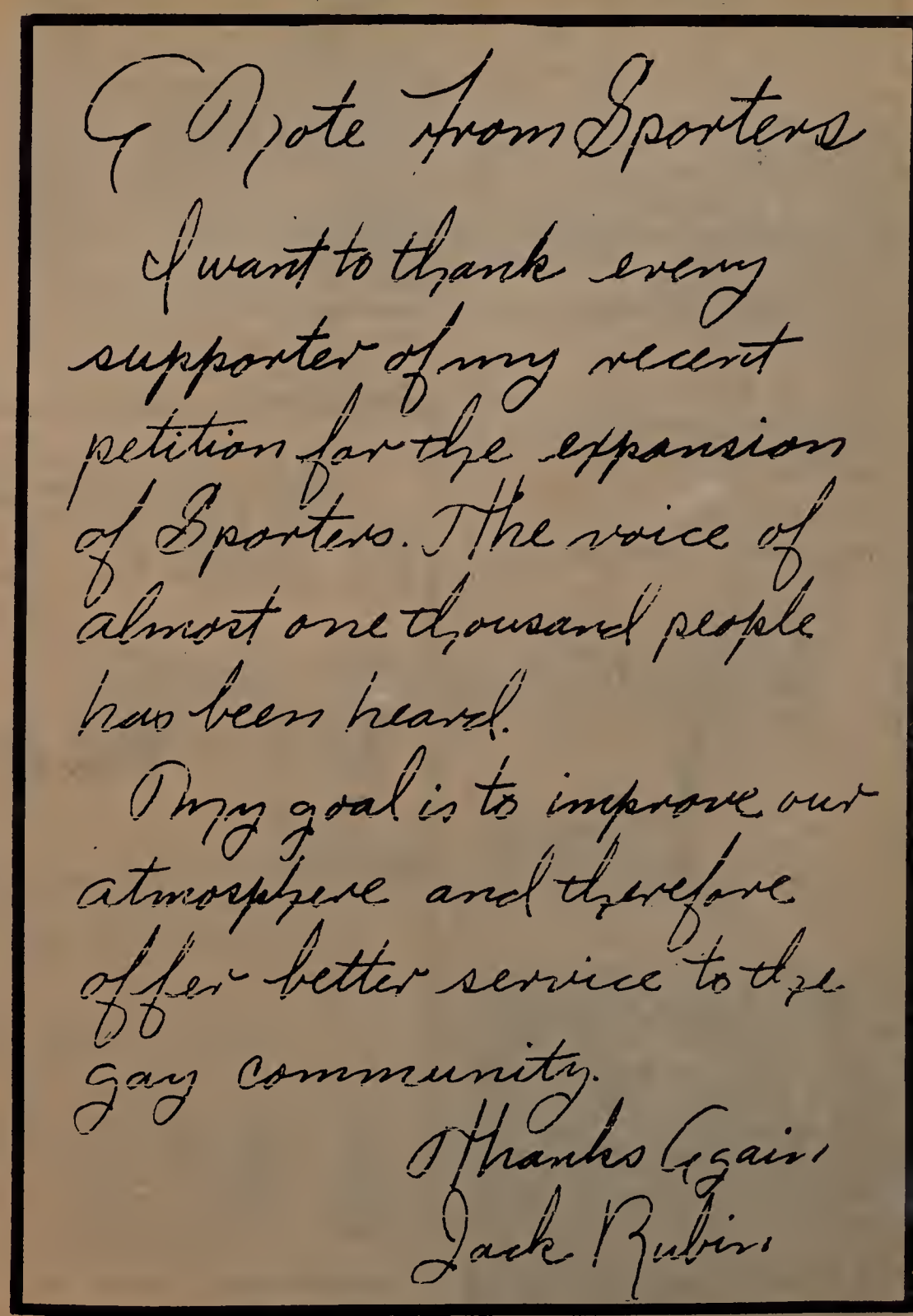
No matter what one's position is, *vis a vis* the bar situation, it is still very important, because of the public nature of any large demonstration, to choose carefully those who will be seen by the outside and power-wielding group.

Of course, we should protest any censorship from the outside, any imposition by the straight establishment of its limitations upon us. However, it is our duty to those in the closet, among others, to "put our best foot forward," and that means to self-censor what our banners say, what, to an extent, our marchers will wear, and what organizations or businesses will be represented.

This is sad. I would rather, personally — not publicly, because I am aware of the possible effects — let everyone do his or her thing, but we have a long way to travel before we will be as equal or unequal to the rest of the population. Until we can achieve total civil rights and as much social approbation as any other minority group can hope to have, we had better make a sincere attempt to impress the majority with our strength, good will and self-approbation.

Freedom does not mean irresponsibility. Freedom carries with it heavy obligations to be ever mindful of the possibile consequences of what we say and do. Privately, it doesn't make a whole hell of a lot of difference what we do or say, but the gay pride march should, to the best of our ability, show the whole world what it is we are truly proud of. It should be conducted with self-confidence and dignity. Sucking cocks is a very personal activity and should remain in the bedroom or the bushes or wherever you choose to do it.

The rights to live and love as we please and hold a job without fear are sensible issues to wave in the public eye. As for the bars and the rest, it is my opinion and that of many others, I am certain, that the Gay Pride Planning Committee acted in good faith and with the best interests of the gay community at heart.


A Note from Sporters
I want to thank every supporter of my recent petition for the expansion of Sporters. The voice of almost one thousand people has been heard.
My goal is to improve our atmosphere and therefore offer better service to the gay community.
Thanks Again
Jack Rubin

NEW YORK REVELATIONS

By Tony Russo

NEW YORK — With Gay Pride Week over, people are now starting to recap the course of events which took place. Of the many events, the Gay Activists Alliance benefit, "The Outlaws Ball," was surely the most successful. According to one member of GAA, profit began on the $55,000 investment one hour after opening. Although one might have wished the Gay Pride March to have been more successful, an estimated 10,000 people did attend. This figure compares with 15,000 to 40,000 people marching in previous years. The decline in attendance can be attributed to three factors: 1) The split several months ago of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee and the threat of two marches — one up Avenue of the Americas and one down Fifth Avenue; 2) With many events to take place in New York City within the next few weeks, people may have chosen to come to New York for either the July 4 celebration or the demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention; or 3) The increase in apathy may have led to an unwillingness among many to participate this year.

Looking ahead to events at the Democratic National Convention, the Metropolitan Community Church of New York (MCC) will be hosting a hospitality room at the New York Hilton Hotel. The suite, number 537, will be open from 12 noon until 12 midnight on Sunday July 11.

In addition to the MCC hospitality suite, the National Gay Task Force will have a communications caucus suite at the New York Hilton. The caucus will be used both as an information caucus for delegates and also as a relay center for information between the convention floor and the demonstrations.

The Mattachine Society will be holding a gala fund-raiser on Saturday July 24. Entertaining at the event will be "The Harlequin Players" performing their show, "This Is Entertainment Too." Dinner will be from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. After dinner, the show will follow. The fund-raiser will be held at The Piano Bar, located at 103 Montague Street in Brooklyn Heights. Tickets are $10. For more information contact Mattachine at 691-1066 or The Piano Bar at 624-9722.

Each Tuesday night Mattachine holds its disco benefit at the Spike Bar. The benefit begins at 10 p.m. and admission is $1. The Spike is located at 120 Eleventh Avenue at 20th Street in Manhattan.

New Hampshire Notes

By Wayne April

PORTSMOUTH — The Seacoast Area Gay Alliance has been holding a summer series of weekend socials. These informal meetings are being held at different places at different times and everyone brings their own beer or wine and cheese and crackers. Later in the evening the remainder of the crowd goes to the Seaport Club in Portsmouth to mix, mingle, and dance.

Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. There are no obligations to do anything or any fees to pay. Come and make some new friends and have a good time. Call Wayne at 436-7196 or Barbara and Nancy at 742-2947.

The Metropolitan Community Church will hold its first service in this area Sunday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on State Street.

MCC exhorter **Christa Herrick** was granted permission by **Rev. John MacPhee** to use the church facilities for a once-a-month service.

This is the first time MCC has attempted to hold services for gay people in New Hampshire since another group was run out of Manchester several years ago.

Women have their own place now at the Seaport Club, the only gay bar in the seacoast region. The upstairs lounge, opened with much fanfare a year ago and little used since, has been staffed with the club's first woman bartender and is now officially "a woman's place." Women have been a definite minority at what many consider to be a male-oriented cruising club but manager Mal Garey wants to dispel that image.

"Everyone is welcome here as long as they're not trouble-makers," he said, "and if the women want to use the upstairs for themselves then that's fine with me."

DID YOU SEE?

MANCHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER

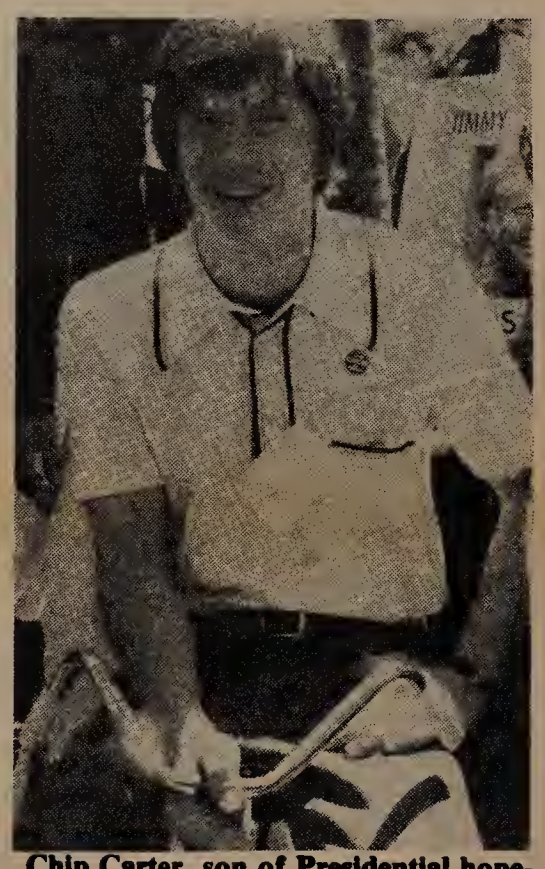
According to Human Events, Candidate Carter's son Chip recently took part in a "gay" tricycle race in San Francisco to show his support of the "gay people's political situation."

Covering all bases, Chip, according to Human Events, said his father "doesn't think homosexuality is right, but doesn't want to inflict his morals on other people."

Human Events also reports that while Carter is running on a platform of love, his vindictiveness and temper are beginning to show. He is quoted in the *Atlanta Journal* as saying, "I'm glad I don't have to depend on [Edward] Kennedy or Hubert Humphrey or anyone like that to put me in office." This was in reply to Senator Kennedy, who was quoted as criticizing Carter for being "indefinite and imprecise" on the issues.

Then, Carter, the Sunday School teacher, said, "I don't have to kiss his ass."

Little by little the cracks in the Carter smile are beginning to show up.
— from an editorial in the *Manchester Union Leader*, June 28, 1976.



Chip Carter, son of Presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter, rides his tricycle in San Francisco gay fund-raising event.

Photo by Greg Reeder, "The Advocate"

Democratic Demonstrations

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Foley Square Park and an evening protest at Madison Square Garden "against homophobic Presidential hopefuls."

Morty Manford, who is the spokesperson for the NCGA, denied charges that his group is merely the outside arm of the gay delegates inside the convention. "None of us (and we are a very diverse conglomeration of people) see ourselves as an arm of the inside gay delegates," he said. Manford noted that "we feel that we have to point our finger and identify issues and an important issue is the non-responsiveness of the Democratic Party." Manford also strongly criticized a report in *The Advocate* that his group was trying to claim credit for the NYSCGO demonstration on Sunday. "We are encouraging participation in the Sunday demonstration. We see their demonstration as fully complimentary with our's and we have always given NYSCGO due credit," he said.

New York authorities will make a campground available for demonstrators to stay and part of that campground will be reserved for gay protesters. The site has not been announced as of yet. The NYSCGO organizers will have some housing and childcare available. Anyone interested should contact either the Mattachine Society at (212) 691-1066, the Gay Switchboard at 924-4036, or the Lesbian Switchboard at 741-2610. The National Coalition of Gay Activists has office space at 304 West 39th St. until July 20. The organization can be reached by telephone at 691-3625.

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Fenway Clinic, Deaconess Discuss Funds

BOSTON — The New England Deaconess Hospital and the City of Boston are "reviewing the situation" after a meeting on June 28 as to whether to continue funding the Fenway Community Health Center, Roger Perry, Assistant to the president of that hospital told GCN. Members of the Executive committee and the Administrative staff of the Fenway Center met with Perry, Richard Lee, director of the Deaconess, Lewis Pollack, deputy commissioner of the Boston Department of Health and Hospitals, and Gerry Marcinoski, Pollack's assistant, at a meeting which Perry described as "amicable." The Deaconess Hospital provides the Center $25,000 and the City of Boston matches that grant. Tom Nylund, director-administrator of the private, non-profit center which provides health care for the Fenway neighborhood as well as Gay and Women's Health nights, told GCN last week that he feared the center would have to close if the funding was withdrawn.

According to Nylund, the meeting between the two sides was "cordial, receptive, and non-committal." "We showed financial statements and discussed the clinic's history. The lines of communication are still open. I'm encouraged." The two sides will meet on July 12 to continue the discussions.

Nylund admitted that "things weren't as carefully managed in the past as they ought to have been at the clinic. It started off as an amateur production. This is not a hospital, not a hospital clinic, not a New York doctor's office. It was started as a neighborhood organization by neighborhood people." While Nylund conceded that the center had been running at a deficit in the past, the last two months have shown a "modest surplus."

"I'm hopeful that we can show the Deaconess and the City that we're on the way to a sound fiscal basis and to meeting the needs of the neighborhood." Both the Deaconess Hospital and the City have claimed that the clinic is not meeting the needs of the elderly who live in the Fenway area.

In the meantime, Nylund told GCN that "we intend to maintain services and to expand Gay Health Night." Any volunteers — doctors, lab technicians, nurses and the like — who are interested in helping with Gay Health Night are urged to get in touch with the Fenway Community Health Center.

Penn. House Condemns 'Gay Pride'

HARRISBURG, PA — The Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed a resolution last week stating it "does not condone" Governor Milton Shapp's decision to declare June 12-19 as "Gay Pride Week" in Pennsylvania. The House, which has passed anti-gay legislation several times in the past only to have its bills vetoed by the Governor, stated on June 21 that "The members of the House do not agree that citizens should be proud of committing acts that are in direct conflict with the morals of the community at large and in fact are prohibited by criminal laws . . .

"The House of Representatives," the resolution continued, "declares that it has not been a party to the Governor's proclamation declaring June 12-19 as Gay Pride Week, that it was not consulted by the Governor on the matter, that it does not condone the Governor's action, that it condemns the proclamation as being contrary to the morality and laws of the Commonwealth."

Providence Lawyer Harassed

By Annette D. Gagne

PROVIDENCE, RI — A lawyer representing a gay group's suit against Rhode Island's Bicentennial Commission has recently been the target of anti-gay harassment. Stephen Fortunato, attorney for the Toward A Gayer Bicentennial Committee (TAGBC), said that in the late afternoon on June 24, a crowd of about ten young people, "went to my house and shouted up at my window, 'Fortunato is a fag'."

He said an object was thrown against his house sometime after midnight and he's received about a dozen harassing phone calls. Fortunato is running as an unendorsed state senatorial candidate. Regarding the political impact of his involvement in the gay cause, Fortunato explained, "Given my constituency I certainly have to show that there is a distinction between a lawyer and his client."

Fortunato mentioned there had been "whispered innuendoes" which he and his supporters countered.

He stated, "I will continue to represent whoever I damn please and that includes the gay community if they should ask me."

Providence Prevails

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Liberty Bell cracked in the shape of a lambda symbol, and "RI'76 Has A Gay Concern."

While gay people were parading and rallying, Patrick Conley of RI'76, interviewed on Channel 12, claimed that RI'76 had "won a moral victory" due to the failure of the court to demand endorsement of the march and the prayer vigil. In fact, the court failed to order endorsements of those events only because, in Judge Pettine's words, "by the passage of time, the Commission has succeeded in denying . . . whatever benefits endorsement would add to the parade." Judge Pettine went on to write that he was "not happy" with this result.

Police Chief Col. Walter A. McQueeney, who had opposed issuing a parade permit for the march, was quoted in the *Providence Journal* as saying "This is the first time they've marched and I hope the last. It's a disgrace." McQueeney also stated privately that he did not want to be remembered as the man who brought faggots to the streets of Providence.

All three Providence television stations gave substantial coverage to the event. Channel 6 interviewed a woman who said, "I think they should all be in jail . . . I just came to see what they looked like." The *Providence Journal* headlined its article on the parade, "City tolerates first homosexual parade."



At Providence's first Gay Pride March, "Ive got two reasons to be proud," the woman in the back seat said to GCN photographer Ray Spears. "I'm black and I've got a gay son." *Photo by Ray Spears*

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Notes From a Novice

By Regina Kahney

[5/23/76: Note #1: This was intended to be an unbiased, journalistic overview of the New York Region Lesbian Feminist Conference held at P.S. 141 in Manhattan this spring. The positive aspects of a conference of this sort can never be overpraised (she says knowledgeably, having never attended one before). However, my emotional reactions went from fear to intimidation to oppression to boredom, which soon rendered "unbiased" slightly "impossible."]

This was my First Lesbian Conference. I have avoided politics, particularly gay politics, with a passion all my life, for reasons I am only now beginning to understand. I do not belong to any gay organization; I do not articulate my politics publicly. I maintain a safe, iconoclastic distance between me and the rest of the world.

I finally heeded the call and attended this unauthorized, non-affiliated conference with Loretta Lotman, Gay Guerrilla. I thought Loretta might, in the light of her aggressively controversial behavior lately, need a bodyguard. Besides, I had nothing better to do, my lover being away and it being a bit too cool for sunbathing at the Christopher Street pier.

Registration Saturday morning is organized and orderly. The fee for the weekend is $7 but, this being a non-profit movement, you pay what you can. Around me I notice many name tags are missing last names. What is this? Casual informality? Fear of exposure? Lack of commitment? Loretta, don't leave me. I feel like a straight person.

The session opens with a long poem in which the phrases "politically correct" and "lavender silk silverwoman" are repeated more often than necessary. There are two more poems, equally tedious. (Why do I feel like a spy?)

Then Ginny Apuzzo tells us why we are here. The theme of this conference is "Creating Community" (I think); we are here to celebrate ourselves and discover how we can deal with our needs as a community. Then she says something about "coming to grips with process" and "specific tasks and closure" and everyone laughs. (Closure. What in hell is closure? Sounds bionic. I don't even have a working movement vocabulary with which to bluff my way through this weekend. But, not wishing to appear unliberated, I laugh along with everyone else. I don't want to ask Loretta. I'll have to look it up when I get home.)

This conference grew out of the Third Annual Gay Academic Union Conference at Columbia University last November, another woman tells us (wasn't that the one where they booed "translesbianic Follies" off the stage?) Then a third woman I've never seen before lists the various workshops we can attend this weekend, among them Lesbian Therapy, The Politics of Fat, Racism, Herstory of the Lesbian Feminist Movement, Women in Prison, Lesbian Publishers/Writers, and The Legal Rights of Lesbians. The child care center ("Dykes and Tykes") is on the third floor; food, buttons, t-shirts, jewelry and pamphlets can be obtained in the cafeteria; there is a message center in the lobby.

But before we leave, the woman who is videotaping the conference stands to tell us she is taping the audience as well, that this film will be kept exclusively at the Lesbian Herstory Archives (in a hermetically-sealed vault), that it will be shown to lesbians only, and that she thought it only fair to warn us. There is a pause, and then the audience begins to murmur.

There are women here who are afraid to be filmed, and "to shoot or not to shoot" becomes our first workshop. (Such a fear of exposure; I feel it too. But there is also the slight thrill of danger.) Somebody in the back yells "C'mon! We can't be afraid to show our faces anymore! Shoot everybody!" and there are several supportive echoes of "Yeah!" and "Right ON!"

But the murmuring has not stopped, and I hear a compassionate voice behind me say, "Some people aren't too happy with that." I say "yeah," and turn to find, to my surprise, that it's Jean O'Leary I'm agreeing with. (Gee, there must be a lot of famous people here.)

Who will be the first to stand and say, "I don't wish to be filmed," in the midst of so much collective defiance? Several ridiculous suggestions are made: perhaps the people who do not wish to be filmed can sit in a different section. Finally Loretta offers a solution: tell us when you're going to shoot and those who don't wish to be filmed can duck down or put their hands in front of their faces. "Besides," she adds, always thinking, "the film should show that some of us still have to hide." ("Loretta!" I exclaim, "that's a marvelous idea! You should've been a politician!")

The opening session is over, and I tag along behind Loretta because she wants to speak to Ginny before we head for our first workshop. Loretta shakes her hand warmly and then introduces us. (I liked her speech. I think she is an important person. I'll have to ask Loretta.)

The chat is over and we opt for the workshop called "Lesbian Publishers/Writers: A Panel," we being lesbian writers who wish to be published.

Fran Wynant, who operates Violet Press, leads off with some information about women's presses. She talks about money, about things being paid for out of savings, unemployment checks and so forth, about the difficulty of getting grants. The first efforts of Violet Press were printed like mimeographed movement handouts, collated and stapled, the content being more important than the cover. But this is idealistic, they soon conclude. Women are conditioned to respond to everything as consumers; what the product looks like determines whether or not they'll buy. When Violet Press was finally forced to pay attention to the appearance of the books, they paid a *lot* of attention. She is right; the poetry book she holds up for us is professionally bound and the jacket beautifully designed. (Gee, it looks like a *straight* book.)

There is more general information given by June Arnold, Joan Larkin and Elly Bulkin of Daughters, Inc. (a collective that publishes books by women): bookstores pay you 60% of your price, but they'll rip you off by putting their own higher-priced sticker on the book; charge a high enough price for your books so you'll have enough money for the next project. (Wait a minute. Is this a workshop on how to publish your own stuff? I don't want to publish my own stuff. I want somebody else to do that, like Random House or Harcourt Brace. This does not sit right with me, and I turn to Loretta. Why don't I like this? "Because it's ghetto." Ahh, exactly. And I learned a new word!)

Then Bertha Harris talks about exploding the myth of the supremacy of the male press (did she read my mind?) and the fun begins. She has had two books published by the male press, and the dust jacket on the first, which appeared in 1969, said that the "heroine becomes a prey to lesbians in Greenwich Village." This naturally infuriated her, and insult was added to injury by the review in the *New York Times* (wow! a *New York Times* Book Review! my Big Dream!) by a feminist, ex-movement heavy who panned the book because it was not a feminist novel and because the heroine was a dyke who drank and fucked (which is what most dykes do anyway).

Bertha made only $3,000 in royalties from these two books. It is not true, she says, that publishing with the male press means more status, more exposure and more money. She did not mention how much she made with books *not* published by the male press.

So Bertha turned off to the legitimacy of publishing with the enemy, and is currently forming *The Feminist Review of Books*, affectionately dubbed "Clit Lit" and/or "The Cunning Linguist." *The Feminist Review of Books* will guarantee reviews of all women's books except those published by the male press, unless they "feel it needs to be slapped around." (And what is the word for that? Sour grapes.)

I am amazed by this pompous elitism, but there is more. Blacks, she says, are no longer popular; it is almost impossible for a black book to be published these days (perhaps they opted for a larger audience. I am thinking of a weekly TV show called "Positively Black" and I am thinking of a Broadway show called "The Wiz." Well, maybe I'm wrong. I shrug and go back to listening to Bertha.) Lesbians will go out of style someday too, and one day the male press will be so threatened they will refuse to publish us at all. It's important that we support the women's presses now so we'll have something to fall back on when this happens. (This is a little too 1984ish for me. Besides, it implies that we expect the oppression to get worse, and I thought a political movement was supposed to stop that sort of thing. I'll have to ask Loretta.)

Fran Wynant then speaks up, but prefaces her remarks with an apology: "I know this is an unpopular view, but . . ." and goes on to say that *she* feels we should not close ourselves off to the male press; the male press is a channel to be used when possible, and we should employ every means available to us regardless of who's doing the publishing. ("Loretta," I whisper, "is she saying that it's *not* politically incorrect to want a *New York Times* Book Review?" "Yes," Loretta says, "say it." "I can't," I hiss, "I'm too scared.")

But I do say it finally, and I count two delayed (but hearty) chuckles behind me. No one at the podium picks up on this remark, but the audience begins to speak out loud. One woman stands and, using the same apology as Fran, agrees with her about using every channel we can. Then there is a lot of heated "separatism versus integration" talk, in which Loretta takes a loud and long stand for integration, saying all the things I want to say.

But this does not sit well with Bertha, and she begins to talk generally about "women with pricks in their heads," while unconsciously (?) gesturing toward Loretta.

It's Us and Them now, and a woman in her 50s stands and tells us she is an ex-editor at a large, established publishing company and was fired because she "was too ambitious." She is on Our side. "Good writing is communication," she begins to say, which Bertha interrupts with "Where'd you learn that? In the New School?"

I have had enough at this point. I am tired, angry, surprised, intimidated, confused and hungry, and I need to hear the word "fuck." We pack up and leave as obviously as possible.

Outside, the sun is bright, and 11th Street is lined with lesbians. Everyone is smiling and the air is filled with the energy of good and important work being done (so why do I have this fucking headache?). At lunch we discuss the workshop and my amazement at all the in-fighting. It is good to be out of combat for a bit. Now I know why I always avoided these things.

After lunch we attend Sexuality 101. In a much-needed lesbian workshop on sexuality that's scheduled to run only ninety minutes, you don't kill the first hour shuffling outmoded oaktag drawings of the female reproductive system. Nor do you use words like "rub a dub" instead of "masturbation."

The first part of Polly Kellogg's presentation on sexuality is like a 7th grade oral report, pun intended. I refuse to believe there are still women who don't know these things about their bodies. The activity on 11th Street is much more interesting, and I turn to gaze out the window. Loretta, nudge me when it's time to go. Hmm, nice-looking women out there.

" . . . tingle dingle." I turn my head. Did she say "tingle dingle?" That must be what comes out of the "hole you pee from." Granted this is a grammar school and the desks are tiny as hell, and the alphabet's neatly printed over the blackboard, upper and lower case, but Jesus! Tingle dingle???

I go back to the window. By this time my head is splitting and I am very bored. Can we talk about important things? Can we talk about role-playing? Can we talk about androgyny? Can we talk about fantasies?

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Another View of the Parade

Opinion from the Editor

By Neil Miller

In this year's Gay Pride Parades in Providence and Worcester, the issues were simple and direct — survival. Functioning in a largely hostile environment, gay people in these two New England cities were concerned with gut issues like parade permits and fear of being pelted with rocks and tomatoes. But in New York and Boston, places where gayness is better accepted than in less urban centers, the concerns were more introspective, more reflective — who are we and what do we want to become? what are we proud of? how do we best go about remaking our lives as lesbians and gay men?

In both New York and Boston this self-examination focused, inevitably, on the role of bars in the gay community and in gay culture specifically. The "bar issue" in New York was so explosive that a threat of two Gay Pride Parades loomed — one parade supported by virtually every gay activist in New York and another allegedly supported by bar interests. In the end, the New York dispute was patched up, at least for this year, and the march went smoothly. At Boston's Gay Pride Planning Committee, which was open to the public and all of whose meetings were advertised in GCN, there was an overwhelming consensus to exclude commercial advertisements from this year's parade. Although no one came forward to challenge the committee on this issue before the parade, last week's GCN featured articles condemning the Gay Pride Planning Committee for "excluding" the bars. Interestingly enough, the articles were written by present or former GCN staffers and not by bar spokespeople themselves.

Were the bars really "excluded" from this year's Boston parade and, if so, should they have been? It's true that no commercial signs were allowed in the parade but bar patrons (the phrase "bar patron" and "movement activist" more often than not tend to overlap) were certainly encouraged to come to the parade and participate and many did. The Gay Pride Planning Committee felt that the Gay Pride March was the occasion for gay people to express their pride in their gayness and not a proper time for profit-making ventures to get some free advertising.

It's a fact that very few of Boston's gay male and lesbian bars are owned by gay people. "Straight" businesspeople are making money — and lots of it — from the gay community and, with a few exceptions, give very little back to the community in terms of basic responsiveness. It is true that most of Boston's bars are managed by gays and that most of the employees are gay. However are employees of commercial businesses in 1976 so identified with their places of employment that they would be offended if advertisements for their employer do not appear in the Gay Pride Parade? I doubt it.

As far as gay-owned businesses themselves are concerned, if all that these businesses do is imitate the patterns of "straight" business enterprise — putting profits above people — should they be given free advertising in Gay Pride Parades? Certainly as individuals all gay people have the right to march, but we don't have to go any further than that.

But the main issue, as Lyn Rosen correctly pointed out in GCN last week, goes beyond whether there should be signs for Sporters or the Saints in a Boston Gay Pride Parade. The question here, as far as I'm concerned, is whether we as gay people should attempt to take control of our own lives and forge our own identity and culture, or whether we should become increasingly involved in the passive American consumer culture. In the past, we were totally dependent on bars for our meeting places and our cultural centers. Let's build our own institutions (and I mean community institutions *not* businesses of a few gay capitalists) or, as an interim step, attempt to make bars which depend upon gay people for their profits to be more responsive to the needs of the community.

I feel that we should have a similar attitude toward the much-vaunted "gay market." The concept of gaining one's power and legitimacy through joining the consumer society is a cherished illusion of middle-class identified gays. So what if Winston cigarettes, record companies, and jockey shorts make overtures to the gay community telling us, "Yes, you exist, you're OK to spend your money on our products." A few gay publications might get welcome advertising revenue from these corporations, but what, in fact, do gay people gain from this? Unless businesses, gay and straight, give gay people something more than a place to spend our money (and given the nature of capitalist economics, this is a highly dubious proposition), the "gay market" is an exercise in self-deception.

The ultimate source of gay pride and power is ourselves — the development of our own institutions, the building of our own base of power. It's important that all segments of the gay community have a role in this development — lesbians, gay men, activists, bar patrons who are activists, bar patrons who aren't activists, closeted people, and businesspeople. Rewarding businesses who have the economic wisdom to see that it is advantageous to make profits from gay people with free advertising space in our parade is not the road to gay unity or gay strength. Nor is it, as David B. Goodstein wrote in *The Advocate*, that "the most obvious example of this new pride are the many new, expensively decorated bars and clubs." Our pride lies in the development of our own community and its institutions; we have a chance to be something more than a microcosm of white, heterosexist America and it is this opportunity that we should seize.



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MCC Gives Hope and Help to Handicapped and Terminal

By Annette D. Gagne

Dying and physical handicaps are grim enough subjects. For gay people they are parts of one more area where society's lack of recognition contributes to feelings of alienation and despair. In the case of terminal illness, for example, emotional and psychological problems are bound to come up between partners with the realization that one of them has a limited time to live.

Straight couples can depend on doctors and hospitals to realize this and provide counseling. Few counselors, however, would be prepared to deal with the fact that a patient's lover is of the same sex. In fact, for most closeted gays, the revelation would be impossible. A new ministry of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) has been commissioned to provide assistance for such individuals, among others.

Called the Innovative Ministry, the program's local director, Rev. Michael Nordstrum, describes it as a service, "to assist individuals working through the process of dying, old age and physical handicaps." Nordstrum has visited 37 cities in which the MCC has congregations. He says, in these 37 cities, "We've found an average of 19% of the membership of all denominations are visibly and invisibly handicapped people."

While visibly handicapped people who are blind or unable to walk have physical problems which are apparent, Nordstrum explained there are still many equally handicapped people whose illnesses cannot be perceived, such as epileptics, hemophiliacs and cancer patients.

Nordstrum himself is terminally ill and blind as a result of an eye infection. He lost his sight eight years ago and, "went through the process of going on welfare and losing everything I owned." While working through his own experience, Nordstrum came into contact with author and lecturer in the area of terminal illness Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, for whom he has great praise. "She is the person who helped me work through the process of death and dying as a homosexual. Ross is the only individual in this field who I would trust to work with a gay person who is dying," he said. "She is innovative in helping people with their relationships regardless of sexuality."



Michael Nordstrum at recent MCC district conference.

Nordstrum has spent the previous three years in Arizona, where he worked with over 300 terminally ill young people. He said the approach which has proven most successful is to be "completely honest, open and brutally frank" with the people in his ministry. "The people with whom I work are described as being one-half dead and one-half dying. I see a need," he said, "to bring those individuals who are homosexual and handicapped to a better understanding of themselves and make a meaningful contribution to society."

Many people are unrealistic about their sexuality and the ultimate termination of their relationship with regard to terminal illness. Nordstrum said most people seek counseling when the patient has less than one month to live.

"All too often in that situation one is in the hospital going through a self-pity and rejection trip, trying to alienate the lover to make the parting less painful. The surviving partner is guilty over infidelity and brings that guilt to the relationship." Nordstrum explained that in most cases, "The inability of the dying partner to participate in sex has been accepted in a verbal sense, but the reality of sexuality hasn't been dealt with."

The tendency to retreat from reality is increased when faced with the prospect of being shut out because of being gay and also because of severe deformity or limited time in which to live. Alenation is often compounded by friends and relatives of the handicapped or dying by rejecting the individual they associate with the problem. "What we're brought up with," Nordstrum said, "is that we have our own families to fall back on. But all too often in the gay community you don't have that."

At present, Providence is the only city in the northeastern area which has a MCC Innovative Ministry office. Nordstrum would like to spread the ministry around to other branches. He said the lack of availability of funds is one of the stumbling blocks in the full development of this ministry. He explained, "Funds are hard to get for the terminally ill because everyone is interested in the cause and cure of disease and not the effects."

There have been fund raising efforts at Providence MCC social events and after services. Other programs such as cake sales and a Mile of Pennies Drive have been implemented to raise money. Nordstrum is trying to get federal funding. Expenses incurred so far have been mostly for transportation, phone calls and postage.

The program is still young though, and expansion and growth will undoubtedly add to the need for financial support. Nordstrum is looking into the possibility of acquiring a building in the Providence area. The building would provide housing for bedridden patients referred to him by nursing homes, hospitals and other agencies. It would also serve as a base for programs for the handicapped and workshops for staff people from agencies which deal with those who are handicapped, aged or dying. Hopefully, such a center would be able to serve the northeast until more local MCC branches establish Innovative Ministries of their own. Nordstrum hopes to get input from interested people in other states. He is planning a conference in Providence tentatively scheduled for mid-August. The conference will include presentations by experts in the field of Innovative Ministry and will be directed toward all clergy.

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Winner Loses; Rep Premieres Piano

By Don Shewey

Blatantly trumpeted as a new musical about "love, truth, and feminism," *Winner Takes All*, now playing at the Colonial Theatre, chronicles the life and times of 19th century feminists Victoria Claflin Woodhull and her sister Tennessee Claflin. However, any similarities between the play and love, truth, feminism, Woodhull, or Claflin are completely accidental.

Victoria Claflin Woodhull made history in 1872 when she became the first woman candidate for President of the United States, and she would go on to run for office in four subsequent elections. With both the ERA and the presidential election looming before the voters this November, what could be more topical than a musical about Woodhull? Only four months ago, didn't the Associate Artists Opera Co. present Gertrude Stein's rarely-performed opera about Susan B. Anthony, *The Mother of Us All*, to universal acclaim? Yes, to both questions; undeniably, everything about *Winner Takes All* sounds like a good idea. Yet while Stein's opera was entertaining and theatrically sophisticated without ever losing sight of its serious and profound subject, *Winner* presents a mindless spectacle about two frivolous females, simplifies their story to the point of condescension, and ultimately insults the intelligence of the audience and the spirit of the women's movement.

The first act, which portrays Claflin as a fake medium and Woodhull as a yellow journalist, and both women as starry-eyed dilettantes and free-love advocates, could be subtitled "Vicky and Tenny Go To Jail," while the second act can be summed up as "Vicky and Tenny Go to England and Get Married." Nowhere does the play deal with the details of Woodhull's candidacy; the only direct quote from Woodhull is used solely to make a gratuitous reference to Richard Nixon.

Imagination and originality are obviously unknown qualities to Russell Hunter, who wrote the book.

As for the singing, dancing, and acting, not a single redeeming facet can be found. May it always be known that *Winner Takes All* was the darkest hour for every single person involved with this insufferable travesty.

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Anyone who has been screwed out of food stamps by a recalcitrant computer or tried to expunge a mistakenly-billed call from Ma Bell's records can attest to the philosophy of "machine's inhumanity to man," which just happens to be the theme of *Player Piano*, which recently had its world premiere at the Boston Repertory Theatre's brand-new stage at One Boylston Place.

Adapted from Kurt Vonnegut's novel by Rep member David Zucker, this futuristic black comedy sketches the highly stratified society of America 20 years hence, with engineers on top, at the bottom Reeks and Wrecks (Reconstruction and Reclamation Corps), and in between — only machines. Zucker has done an admirable job of transferring Vonnegut's ambitious, complicated novel to the stage, fashioning a spiffy "brave new world" with all of its spacey, often grotesque trappings and setting up an intriguing series of conflicts. Like an overwhelming majority of science fiction works, however, all the author's creativity has gone into the setting up of the situation and none into the followthrough. Thus, the second act, all dressed up with nowhere to go, lapses into a rather unoriginal resolution of man's struggle for individuality in the machine age.

But if *Player Piano* has any faults, the actors are certainly not to blame. Aided by a dazzling array of accents and a vivid assortment of individually-created plaster masks, the nine cast members each embody a variety of characters, machines, animals, and furniture pieces, except for the actor in the lead role of Paul Proteus, Joseph Wilkins (who bears an uncanny resemblance to Chevy Chase of *Saturday Night Live*). Mimetic precision, split-second timing, and ensemble animation is demanded and attained by the entire company. Each and every performer is incredibly good at one time or another, and such abundance of superior acting is so rare that *Player Piano* is absolutely a must-see.

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Can we talk about casual fucking? (Why don't you open *your* mouth, Reg? I can't. That would mean getting involved.)

We finally get around to the good stuff. Lyn Taylor tells a great story about being curious about bondage and discipline, and not being able to find out anything about it. Finally she decides to make a set of "playthings" in preparation for finding a willing partner. Friends drop by.

"Ooh, what are you making? A bicycle chain?"

"No."

"A dog collar?"

"No."

"A bracelet!"

"Not exactly."

"Well, do you wear it?"

"Sort of." (heh, heh)

A woman asks about a good brand of vibrator and several recommendations are made. Another woman says that in the straight world the masculine side of her is put down, and in the lesbian/feminist world the feminine side of her is put down. More women nod. Another woman says that she does not know how to approach a woman in a bar, or at a dance. Yes, others agree. And still another woman says she sometimes fantasizes that her lover is a man, and sometimes that *she* is a man (Hey! I do that too!). Maybe this is what I came for: to find out if my own fears and fantasies were shared by anyone else. I need this kind of support. Suddenly women are talking excitedly, exchanging personal information, confessing fantasies. Now we're getting somewhere. But it is past five o'clock. The conference is over for the day. There is no more time. Too much talk of rub a dub. A lot of embarrassment and hesitation. Well, maybe next conference.

I go home, overloaded and drained. It will take me a month to absorb all this input. I think about myself. What did I expect form this conference? A diversion; that is all. Well, I got more than I bargained for. Some of my own rock-bound beliefs and prejudices had been challenged and smashed.

And why have I never attended something like this before? I can be glib about boredom, but that won't answer the question. I preferred instead the "legitimacy" of a literary career where I could write my little poems and stories and change all the pronouns I had to. Writing for GCN is "safe" because it is a Boston paper and I live in New York. So why?

Because a part of me is still ashamed of being gay. A part of me still believes them when they say I am sick. So I hide. I did not want to be associated with any identifiable gay group. If I remained unaffiliated, I could leap back into the closet whenever necessary. But if I joined GAA or whatever, the closet might be locked forever. But then I'd have all these gay people supporting me, right? And they're the only ones who really understand me anyway.

I did not return for the Sunday session of this conference; it would have meant going alone, which I quite frankly was not ready for. I learned enough on Saturday and the days that followed, while I tried many times to write this piece. I learned that I was deluding myself. I learned that people can destroy each other with their different opinions, but at least they are doing more than I have done. I learned that I am not alone; there are words for the way I feel, and other women who think like me. I learned that I am not as well-adjusted as I'd thought.

And I learned that this movement is not perfect, as it should not be. Perfection may be a desirable aim, but it implies that no change is necessary.

I never did learn what "closure" meant. I'll have to ask Loretta.

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GCN photographer **Don C. Hanover, III,** is having a show at the **West Canton Street Gallery,** 183 W. Canton St., Boston. It opens July 8 with a gayla party (the last one was fun!) and runs until August 6. Don has a three-page spread in this month's Mandate and it was a Don Hanover photo on last week's cover of GCN . . . **Elana Dykewoman,** author of *Riverfinger Woman* and **Linda Shear,** lesbian musician, will appear at Bread and Roses on July 11 . . . **Sporter's** in Boston will hold its annual auction in late July to benefit needy children. Watch this column for date . . . Bouquets and the sore feet of the year awards to **Joe Abreu** and **Leslie Kagan** for ably chairing the Parade Committee in these troubled times . . . Speaking of parades causing unity, GCN thanks **Neal Bernard,** publisher of Boston's male entertainment magazine **Wilde Side,** for taking some of us to New York for the parade. We had a wilde time . . . Sorry to see **Other Voices,** Boston's gay bookstore, close its doors. Out-of-town visitors sure miss it. It's a sign that the community should remember the struggling businesses before they go under . . . **Loretta Lotman** and **James Saslow,** ex-Boston New York writers, have joined with **Regina Kahney,** GCN writer, to put on a gay comedy at the **Glines Theatre** in New York for pride week. The **Glines** is the only all-gay theatre in the country . . . If you can't get to New York, you can catch fine gay theatre in Provincetown at the **Crown and Anchor.** "Lovers," an exciting musical by Steve Sterner and Peter Del Valle goes on daily except Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30. Special afternoon show takes place Wednesday at 4:30. This is the show that rocked New York audiences . . . And if you're going down that way on July 7, stop in at the **Sheraton Regal,** Rt. 132, Hyannis, Mass. That wonderful duo **Jade and Sarsaparilla** are opening at 8 p.m. in the hotel's new room, "The Gallery." They'll be singing all the songs that you will soon be able to buy on Submaureen Records. GCN has heard the tape and its dynamite . . . **Together** has opened **The Back Room** for lunch from 12-7. You have to walk down Boylston Pl. (a small back street off Boylston in Boston), so keep a sharp eye. It's a good place for an inexpensive, gay lunch and the bar is open. On Sundays now, **Together** will offer free brunch from 2-6 in the main bar, and at 5, a free movie. And there is no admission until 8 . . . **"Mary Hartman,"** the TV soap that gave us the first good couple, now gives us the first "mother of us all," Harold's mother. She believes in her heart that her son is a closet heterosexual . . . Boston's **Gay Speaker's Bureau** is in the process of re-forming. Contact Greg at (617) 445-6676 . . . Boston's **Gay Recreational Activities Committee (G.R.A.C.)** has a complete schedule of summer fun. Write G.R.A.C, GCN Box 8000 for info . . . **Greenleaf Florist** is giving a special July thru August offer to those with friends in Provincetown. You get $2.00 off on flowers wired to P'Town . . . **Women's Resource Exchange Booklet** will be coming out in July. Watch the ad for further information . . . **Twelve Carver** and **Herbie's Ramrod Room** have recovered; they will be open . . . **Annabel's,** a new restaurant, has opened in Ogunquit, Me. Gays very welcome . . . The **Islander's Club** will take 250 Fire Island people on a one-day cruise around New York City to view the tall ships and see the fireworks for July 4 . . . In Philadelphia the huge Fourth of July demonstration will be staged by the **Fourth of July Coalition** to protest the treatment of minorities in the country. There will be a gay contingent . . . What will you be doing the Fourth?



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NAT'L GAY PRISONERS COALITION
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M sculpture student wants to either share Boston-Brookline apt. (up to $110/mo. beginning Aug.-Sept.) or start looking for it now with compatible roommate. 266-2159, keep trying.

GF lking for other GF for 2 bedrm Beacon Hill apt. Must be easy-going, responsible, somewhat neat. Apt. is lge & sunny, rent-$103. Includes utils; I am politically aware & considerate. Call 338-8173, ask for Mary & leave message. Call afternoon or early eve. Keep trying.

GM 28 starts nurs prog in fall, needs place in apt/house with supportive, compat. people. Can move in Aug. 1. Please call 723-6448 after 8 p.m.

GWM seeks same to share 4 rm. apt., $60 mo., incl. all util. No fats or feemes, only sincere apply. Call after 8. Don, 289-8261.

GF to share apartment w/2 others, as of Aug. 1. Prefer feminist, non-smoker. Cambridge, near Central Sq. Have back porch, convenient. $50 & util. Into music, photography, eating together on reg. basis. Call 878-9174.

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Who's afraid to come Together on Friday?

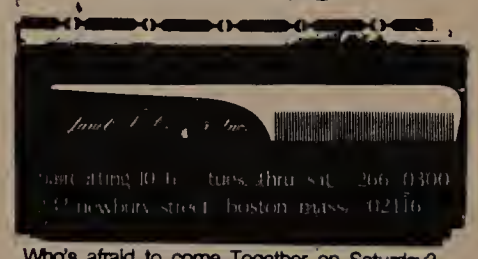
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Who's afraid to come Together on Saturday?

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B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish group) 265-6409
Black Gay Men's Caucus, GCN, Box 9600
Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge, 02141 492-3433
Cambridge North/Brattle Gays write c/o Gay Legislation 661-9362
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Cambridgeport Gays, c/o GCN Box 6500
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740m AM) 523-1081 (492-6450)
Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592
Dignity of Boston c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston
Elaine Noble (Rep.) 727-2584
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Tom Nylund 267-1066
Focus, Women's Counseling, 186½ Hampshire St., Cambridge 876-4488
Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom 440-8551 or 442-6029
Framingham Unicorn Society, P.O. Box 163, Framingham 01701
Gay Hotline (3-12 pm, Mon.-Fri.) 426-9371
Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St. 338-7967
Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC), c/o GCN, Box 8000
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 266-2069
Gay Alert (for gay community emergency only) 523-0368, 267-0764
Gay Media Action, c/o GCN Box 5000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108 354-2079
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Nurses Alliance, c/o GCN Box 251, Boston 02108
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x2396
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9 FM) 353-2790
Gay Legislation '76, P.O. Box 8841, J.F.K. Station, Boston 02144
Rep. Noble's Aides 727-2584
Gay Hotline (Mon. 6-9 pm) 426-9371
Gay Youth Advocates, 70 Charles St. 227-8587
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Golden Gays 482-8998
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe GSA, 198 Memorial Hall, Cambridge 02138 495-1927
Homophile Community Health Svc. 542-5188
Integrity/Boston, P.O. Box 2582, 02208
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186½ Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450
Sexual Health Centers of N.E., Inc. 739 Boylston St., Boston 02116 266-3444
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 253-5440
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Av. 661-8898
National Organization for Women 267-6160
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Ell Ctr. 253-5440
Other Fund, Inc. (Gay United Fund), P.O. Box 1997, Boston 02105
Project Place 267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center) 333-0146
Project Lambda 227-8587
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Frances Craig, P.O. Box 291, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Ariadne Kane, Box 161, Cambridge 02140
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford, MA 02155 776-0921
Unitarian Universalist Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston 02108 742-2100
Women's Community Health in Cambridge 547-2302

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS [area code 413]

Amherst Gay Hotline (Men & women) 545-0154
Clark Gay Alliance, Box A-70, Clark Univ., Worcester 01610
Dignity/Springfield, P.O. Box 488, Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01108
Everywomen's Center, Amherst 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
People's Gay Alliance, UMass/Amherst 545-0154
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance 583-3904
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS [area code 617]

Alcoholics Together/Worcester 756-0730
Clark Gay People, Box A-70, Clark U, Worcester 01610 793-7287
Dignity/Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 348, Lowell 01853
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 487-3075, 487-3344
Gay Activists Alliance, c/o Postmaster, General Delivery, Provincetown 487-3393, 487-3234, 487-3344
Gay Community Services, Box 815, Provincetown, 02657.
Gaypeople/Drop-In Center, Campus Center, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill 01830 374-0929
Haverhill, N.E.C.C. Gay Line, M 8-10 am, T 6-8 pm, W 12-2 pm
Homophile Assistance League of Provincetown, Box 674, P-town 02657, 158 Commercial St. 487-9633
Homophile Union of Montachusett, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg 01420
MCC/Merrimack Valley, Box 750, Haverhill, MA 01830 523-7664
MCC/Worcester 756-0730
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387

CONNECTICUT [area code 203]

"Come Out Tonight," Box WYBC/Yale Station, New Haven 06520.
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
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Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 523-9837
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Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281
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The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-2656
Wesleyan Gay Alliance, Box KKK, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown, CT 06457.

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Alcoholics Together, 290 Westminster St., Rm. 510, Providence
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Help Line 831-9491
Gay Women at Brown U, Providence 863-2189
Gay Women of Providence 831-5184
Integrity, Box 71, Annex Sta., Providence, 02801
MCC/Providence, 63 Chapin Ave.
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrum, 941-8653.
Providence Gay Group of AA 231-5853

MAINE [area code 207]

CMGA, Box 2242, Augusta 04330
Gay Support & Action, P.O. Box 110, Bangor 04401
Maine Freewoman's Herald, 193 Middle St., 3rd floor, Portland 04111 774-6071
Maine Gay Task Force, 193 Middle St., Portland 773-5530
Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter, P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112 773-5530
Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford St., University of Maine, Portland 04103 773-2981x535
The Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473

NEW HAMPSHIRE [area code 603]

Seacoast Area Gay Alliance, Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801. 436-7196, 742-2947, 431-4350
Women's Group, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (Do no use "gay" on any mail to this group)

VERMONT [area code 802]

Counseling for Gay Women & Men, c/o Vermont Women's Health Center, 158 Bank St., Burlington 05401 863-1386
Gay in Vermont, Box 3216, N. Burlington Sta., Burlington 05401 862-2397
Vermont Gay Women 862-7770, 863-3237

NEW YORK [City and State]

Gay Citizens Alliance of Syracuse, Lambda Center, 503 South Geddes St., Syracuse, N.Y. 472-3917
Capital District Gay Comm. Council, P.O. Box 131, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518) 462-6138
Dignity, P.O. Box 1554, N.Y.C. 10022
Dignity/Rochester, P.O. Box 8295, Rochester
Gay Activists Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village Sta. 10014 (212) 677-6090
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley, Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-8640, 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-8640
Gay Community Service Ctr., 1350 Main St., Buffalo 14209
Gay Liberation Front/U. of R., Todd Hall, River Campus, U. of R., Rochester 14627 (716) 275-6181
Gay Media Coalition, c/o The Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St., NYC 10011 924-9434
Gay Men's Health Project, 247 W. 11th St. 691-6969
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia Univ., NYC 10027; (212) 280-2574.
Gay Switchboard 924-4036
Gay & Women's Alliance for Responsible Media, 370 Lexington Ave., Suite 416, NYC
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Station, NYC 10017; (212) 758-1905.
Lesbian Feminists Liberation, c/o Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St., NYC 691-5460
Lesbian Resource Center (formerly GROW) 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-9030
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
Mattachine Society, 59 Christopher St., NYC 10014 691-1066
MCC/New York, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.), Sunday worship 7 pm 691-7428
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Station, NYC, 10017.
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm. 506, NYC 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097

July 6 thru 12

6 tue

NYC — West Side Discussion Group, 37 9th Ave. at 14th St. holds meetings at 8:30pm; $2 donation asked; forum followed by free refreshments. Today: "Topics from the Floor."

Boston — DOB rap on "Lesbian Spirituality," 7:30pm, 419 Boylston St., rm. 323.

7 wed

NYC — West Side Discussion Group, 37 9th Ave. at 14th St. holds meetings at 8pm for women only. $2 donation asked. "Money: who pays? Put your money where your mouth is."

8 thur

Boston — Coming out rap for men, Gay Men's center, 8pm, 36 Bromfield St.

Boston — Photography show by Don C. Hanover III opens at West Canton Gallery, 183 W. Canton St., today thru Aug. 6, opening party tonight 7-9, info call 261-8711.

Cambridge, MA — HRGSA holds first meeting of summer, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard U., 8pm, info call 723-6975.

Cambridge, MA — John Money, PhD, Prof. of Medical Psychology will speak at Central Sq. branch of Cambridge Public Library, 45 Pearl St., 11am-1pm (bring your lunch). Topic is "Erotic imagery, stigmatized and otherwise — with special reference to adolescents." If you wish to reserve a seat call Terre Owens, 492-0518.

9 fri

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Feminist workshop, "Where We Are Now," 7:30 to 9:30, call 354-1390 or 783-9415 for site and directions.

Boston — Today and every Friday GCN invites all caring souls to lend a hand mailing GCN subscriptions, no experience needed, just time. Come to 22 Bromfield St. between 4:30 and 8; for directions call 426-4469.

10 sat

NYC — Gay Dance at Earl Hall, 117th St. on West side of B'way, 9-2, sponsored by Gay People at Columbia.

Orono, ME — Dance for women and men, MCA Center, College Ave., 8-12pm, $1 donation asked but no one will be turned away, BYOB.

11 sun

Provincetown, MA — Cape Cod Women's Liberation weekly discussion, 8-10pm, P-town Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St., topic "Bisexuality."

Cambridge, MA — Benefit performance by Linda Shear and Elana Dykewoman for Greasy Gorgon Garage and Megaera Press will be at Bread and Roses, 134 Hampshire St., 3pm, $2, all lesbians and women children invited.

Portsmouth, NH — MCC/Merrimack Valley will hold monthly services at South Church, 292 State St., 7pm; for info write MCC/MV, Box 750, Haverhill, MA 01830.

NYC — Assemble in Washington Sq. Park at noon for march for non-discrimination and sodomy repeal against Democratic National Convention.

Boston — General meeting at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., all gay men invited to discuss new ideas for center.

12 mon

NYC — Picketing for gay rights at American a and Hilton Hotels will be held all day, protesting Democratic National Convention.



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